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UNITED STATES PROPOSAL TO EXPORT POLYESTER FILM TO POLANDFebruary 24th, 1959

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM 3386.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to the United States proposal to export two types of polyester film to Poland. He invited Delegates to give the views of their authorities.

2. The FRENCH Delegate said that he had not been instructed to object to this proposal but the French technical departments were surprised at the quantity involved. On the basis of approximately 2 grams for each condenser the quantity requested would be enough to manufacture more than 100,000 condensers. The United States memorandum stated that the polyester film was required for use in plastic processing plants but the French experts considered this end-use to be somewhat surprising. It was not usual for the plastics industry to use this type of polyester film, which was in very thin sheets and was very expensive, therefore it seemed much more likely that it would normally be used to make condensers for the electronics industry, however, the Delegate stressed that his authorities were agreeing to this export because of the Committee's special Polish policy.

3. The BELGIAN Delegate said that his authorities had no objection to this request since the export of similar film had been authorised by the Committee.

4. The GERMAN Delegate said that his authorities did not object to this export but would be much interested to hear the United States comments on the observations which had been made by the French Delegate.

5. There were no objections from other Delegations and the UNITED STATES Delegate expressed his thanks for the favourable replies which had been given. He understood that the major use of polyester film in the United States was in making condensers. He understood also that the Committee had agreed to the export of 6,000 kilos of similar material in respect of Polish requirements. He undertook to submit further information with respect to the French Delegate's comments.

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